

# The Upper Falls News

The Upper Falls News is an email newsletter about what's going in our village. The Upper Falls News is brought to you by the Upper Falls Area Council but it's intended to cover any and all news in the village. If you have any upcoming events, activities, news or stories related to Upper Falls just send them to [info@UpperFallsNews.org](mailto:info@UpperFallsNews.org) and we'll include them in the next newsletter.

**Upper Falls Million Dollar Trivia Contest** - We all know that Sol Cohen has been cutting hair at Ye Olde Clip Shop on Chestnut St for years. The shop itself has been on the go for well over 100 years, but how long as Sol been cutting hair there? The lucky reader who comes closest to guessing the year and month that Sol started will win a \$5 gift certificate to the Upper Falls Variety Store. Use that \$5 to buy a winning lottery ticket and your prize could end up being worth a \$1,000,000 :-). Send your guesses to [info@UpperFallsNews.org](mailto:info@UpperFallsNews.org). Winner will be announced in the next edition of the Upper Falls News.

**Breaking News Flash !** - You wouldn't ordinarily rely on a twice a month email newsletter for your breaking news coverage ... but here's an Upper Falls News scoop.

Big excitement in Upper Falls this morning. From the second hand reports this reporter heard ... a trash truck was down on the very end of Chestnut St was picking up trash. It pulled away from the curb and something went wrong. As the truck drove down the street, the machinery continued to turn and the truck began spewing trash out on to the street as it drove. It went around the corner on to Oak St and up the hill. Just as it approached a half dozen overhead wires, the still turning machinery snagged the wires and pulled them down. At 8:30 AM the police and two trash truck were down there cleaning up the aftermath. When I came by there were wires down and trash all over Oak St. The police and two trash trucks were there trying to clean things up.

**New Guidelines for Historic District** - Much of our neighborhood is part of the Upper Falls Historic District which means that most exterior changes to our houses have to be approved by the Historic Commission. The city's Planning Department has just releases a [revised set of design guidelines](#) which will guide that approval process in the years to come. The new guidelines are much more detailed and informative ... and feature a

number of photos of Upper Falls houses. A public meeting will be held on March 29th at 7 PM in the aldermanic chambers to review the new guidelines and hear comments from the public. If you can't attend you can email comments before April 9th. In the meantime you can join an informal unofficial discussion about the issue [on-line at Village14](#).

**That's a Fine Sandwich!** - Upper Falls' own Bob's Sub Shop took the silver medal in the Newton Patch's recent "[Best Sandwich in Newton](#)" contest. In the [on-line comments](#), one reader said "I love Bob's Sub Shop in Upper Falls for a breakfast bagel with egg and cheese that cannot be compared!". I'll have to give that one a try.

**Hidden Treasure in Hemlock Gorge** - Nine year old Jayla Reilly, Saylor Flannery and younger brother Logan Flannery were recently exploring Hemlock Gorge as only nine year olds can. As they climbed up the steep embankment on the Needham side of the river they discovered a wallet filled with money lying in the leaves. They went through the various ID's and discovered the owner's name and address. The owner, a teenage boy from Franklin was both shocked and thrilled. He lost it three weeks earlier and had twice returned to the park to look for it. Just when he had given it up as gone forever, our Upper Falls treasure hunters came to the rescue.

**Upper Falls Area Council** - The Upper Falls Area Council is your voice to the city. Their next meeting is on Thurs, March 15th at the Emerson Community Center on Pettee St at 7 PM. Among the items on this meeting's agenda - update on Braceland Park new path and tennis courts, Upper Falls Greenway next steps, Post Office status, issues about Elliot, Pettee, Tamarac and Thurston streets, Village Day. If you have other ideas, concerns, or questions about anything else happening in the village come to the meeting and talk to your neighborhood councillors.

**Big Empty Space Festival** - In the last issue of the Upper Falls New, we asked you to help plan an imaginary Upper Falls happening - The Big Empty Space Festival. So many [good ideas](#) were suggested that we tried to contact the property owner. Unfortunately though, they weren't interested so we'll have to be satisfied with our imaginary version.

**How Would You Spend \$20 Million?** - The Community Preservation Committee wants to know how you would allocate nearly \$20 million for affordable housing, historic resources,

open space & recreation land in Newton over the next 5 years? Go tell us them Tuesday, March 27th from 7:30-9 pm at the Waban Library Center, 1608 Beacon Street. Enjoy a slide show about past Community Preservation Act projects & neighborhood history. Share your priorities for future funding & add them to our interactive maps. Refreshments provided!

**Neighborhood Short Cuts-** Local resident Jerry Reilly has been writing occasional blog columns for the Newton Patch called "Dispatch From Upper Falls" Here's a [column](#) about neighborhood shortcuts in Upper Falls and around the city.

**Spread The Word** - Our goal is to collect email addresses from every resident of Upper Falls as well as anyone else who's interested in the village. Please help spread the word and urge your friends, family and neighbors to [sign up for The Upper Fall News](#).

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